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Applicant: Jonathon Reo Campian
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Examiner: Essama Omgba
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed April 7, 2008, concerning the above-caption application. The period for response to this Office Action extends until May 7, 2008.

In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 in the present application to one of the following inventions:

Group I – Claims 1-26 drawn to an apparatus for short flange forming and joining a first sheet material to a second sheet material; and

Group II – Claims 27-34 drawn to a method for forming a first sheet material with a periphery having a contour.

Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group I, Claims 1-26 directed to an apparatus for short flange forming and joining a first sheet material to a second sheet material. Applicants make this election without prejudice to filing one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected group. Applicants will cancel the claims directed to the non-elected group when an indication of allowance of the elected group is received.

Accordingly, it is believed that the outstanding Office Action has been fully complied with herein. If the Examiner has any questions or would like to personally discuss this application, she is invited to contact either of the undersigned attorneys at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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